



## LA GRANDE BANK FAILURE SHOWS SOME CROOKED DEALINGS

### Cashier Scriber Arrested For Embezzlement

### FORGED NOTES FIGURE

### The Erring Cashier is Said to Have Made Two Confessions

### TO BE TAKEN TO PORTLAND

### Scriber is Said to Have Admitted Irregularities Amounting to \$24,500—Examiner Gotch Has Little to Say of the Affair.

LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 16.—J. W. Scriber, cashier of the Farmers' & Traders' National Bank of this city was this morning placed under arrest, charged with embezzlement of \$22,225.25 of the funds of the bank. It is also thought missing securities and papers will largely increase the amount of the defalcation.

The arrest was made by United States Marshal Reed in person. Mr. Scriber was taken in custody at his home, and will be brought to Portland this evening.

A complaint was filed in this case by United States Attorney John McCourt, after he had received a preliminary report of the condition of the bank from Claud Gatch, National Bank Examiner, who has been on the ground for some time, and after he had held a telephone conversation with Deputy United States Attorney Evans, whom he sent to La Grande on Wednesday last.

"It's the same old story, an ingenious cashier, a board of directors that neither knew its duty nor did it, and over-confident bank examiners."

These few words are all that can be wormed from the lips of National Bank Examiner Claude Gatch of Salem, who has been in charge of the suspended Farmers' & Traders' National Bank since last Tuesday morning.

Scriber is a widower. He has three sons, ranging from 12 to 23 years of age. One is in Salem and the other two in La Grande.

## ROOSEVELT WRITES LETTER ON LABOR

### Says if Taft is Not Elected Labor Will Suffer, Most of All a Letter is Answer to T. J. Dolan

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—T. J. Dolan, general secretary and treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredgemen, today made public a letter from Roosevelt, answering one sent by Dolan in which Dolan declared that his organization was proud of Taft's honorary membership in the brotherhood. Roosevelt's letter points to Taft's record on behalf of organized labor at the Isthmus and says for himself that he never opposed labor when he thought it right, nor hesitated a moment to oppose organized labor when he thought it wrong. Roosevelt concludes: "I do not believe the laboring men of this country have ever had in office a stauncher friend than Taft. He resented the attack upon him by

### PREMATURE PUBLICATION.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—Official circles regard the publication of the proposed program in advance of its communication and acceptance by Turkey and other signatories of the Berlin treaty as particularly unfortunate and likely to embarrass subsequent negotiations.

### FAIRBANKS TALKS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—In a round of republican rallies held in widely separated sections of the city Vice-President Fairbanks addressed enthusiastic audiences aggregating many thousands of persons. The addresses covered every phase of the political issues of today.

## A CRISIS IN SUGAR NEARLY REACHED

### PRODUCING AND REFINING INTERESTS ARE AT WAR IN BRAZIL.

### SUGAR TRUSTS EXIST THERE

### Modern Machinery Adding Much to Profits—Shipments of Brazilian Sugar to American Will be Much Increased in Future.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The sugar industry has reached the most critical period of its history and is now the center of a great conflict in the Brazilian business world, in which producing and refining interests are at war, writes Consul General Anderson at Rio to the state department here. Even if the present high duty is maintained, he says, the market will dwindle until it will not suffice to support the present volume of the industry. Without artificial support many sugar concessions will have to stop business. The present contest is between the planter-factory as the producing interests, and the refiners. There is a very high import duty and largely decreased consumption and a coming bumper crop. Besides, a sugar trust exists in Brazil, not for importation and domestic sale of sugar, but for the control of the domestic market by controlling the country's sugar exports, to Brazil

## REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR INDEMNITY PAYMENT

### Government is Willing Only to Purchase Oriental Railway

SOFIA, Oct. 16.—Members of the Bulgarian cabinet who yesterday accompanied Czar Ferdinand to his hunting lodge in the Riolo Mountains returned today and announced that the cabinet had decided to reject the proposal emanating from London for the payment of indemnity to Turkey as a condition of recognizing Bulgaria's independence. A note to that effect will be sent the powers. The only question the government is willing to negotiate is to purchase the rights of the Oriental Railroad Company.

and directly affects American markets because certain amounts of Brazilian sugar are likely to be forced upon the American markets at any price.

The planters and factory people who have bought modern machinery, mostly from the United States, are making profits without support of any aid. The shipments of Brazilian sugar to the United States will be much increased in the near future, it is predicted.

### A SECRET ORGANIZER.

PLAQUEMINE, La., Oct. 16.—S. Cooper, a prominent planter of Maringouin, this parish, has received a letter from "Determination" whom detectives are now tracing as an organizer of night riders. The letter differs from others written by the same individual to other persons in this state in that it commands Cooper to organize a band of night riders among his neighbors and calls upon him to "immediately call together a few of your trusted neighbors and have this notice posted on all gins."

## MARTIN'S FATE IS IN THE HANDS OF JURY OF HIS PEERS

### The Case Submitted at 2:30 Yesterday Afternoon and No Decision Arrived at Yet

### THE JURY WAS LOCKED UP FOR THE NIGHT

### Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald Makes a Strong Argument Against the Accused Man and Attorney Jeffery Pleads Eloquent for the Prisoner

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—The Martin case went to the jury at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon, following the instructions given by Judge Cleland. According to these instructions, three verdicts, if the defendant be found guilty, are permissible, murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree and manslaughter, according as the jury may decide from the evidence.

Counsel for the defense made objections to certain features of the court's instructions which were allowed, but the exceptions to the instructions as a whole were not allowed. The jury took with it all the material evidence submitted during the trial.

For a half hour yesterday afternoon and for a little more than two and a half hours this morning, Martin was forced to listen to a drastic arraignment by Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, whose address ended at noon.

Generally Martin stood the ordeal well, though there were times when his face showed the effort he was making to avoid showing emotion, and once or twice he glared fiercely at the prosecutor when the latter turned and pointing a forefinger at the defendant denounced him as the assassin.

For almost three hours yesterday afternoon Attorney Jeffery pleaded eloquently in the effort to save his client from conviction. In the introduction he reminded the jurors that they were sitting in judgment on a human life, and should be swayed by no outside consideration or issue erroneously dragged into the case.

Attorney Jeffery was congratulated by his colleagues on his effective plea, and has since been complimented by the state's attorneys.

The jury tonight were unable to agree upon a verdict after eight hours' deliberation, and was locked up for the night.

## AMERICAN COMMISSION APPEARS AT COURT

### Presented to Emperor and Empress of Japan Yesterday

TOKIO, Oct. 16.—The official visit of the American commission to the Japanese exposition ended today when the members of the commission, Secretary John C. O'Laughlin and Chief Clerk W. A. Newcombe and the ladies of the party were presented to the emperor and empress of Japan by Ambassador Thomas J. O'Brien and Mrs. O'Brien. Tomorrow the commissioners will be guests at a dinner given by Baron Mumm de Schwarzenstein, the German ambassador. The party will remain in Tokio until the arrival of the American fleet and then will visit points of interest in the interior.

### AERIALIST BUSY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—A. M. Herring, who made the delivery of his aeroplane to the aeronautical board of the signal corps at Fort Myer last Tuesday, is busy at work on some minor parts of his machine in his Broadway shop. When asked where he would make his preliminary flights, he said he had given no thought to the selection of suitable grounds for trial flights.

"I do not expect to fly for at least two weeks," said Mr. Herring. "Then if everything goes right, my preliminary flights may not require more than two days and under those circumstances I may complete my official tests at Fort Myer in one day. The merits of my machine will be shown very quickly when it is ready to be tried out."

### BURNED TO DEATH.

HURST, Mich., Oct. 16.—Henry Kemps, wife and two children were burned to a crisp in a fire which destroyed their home last night. Another child is missing and is believed to have met a similar fate.

## FIFTEEN UNFORTUNATES MEET WITH HORRIBLE DEATHS

### POWDER EXPLOSION.

NANAIMO, B. C., Oct. 16.—An explosion in the powder house of the Cumberland Mine today injured four men, two severely. The boarding house 20 yards from the powder house was blown to matchwood, the inmates fortunately escaping injury.

### WIPED OUT.

MARINETTE, Wis., Oct. 16.—Forest fires wiped out the towns of Packard and Pound last night.

### RETURNED TO WORK.

LYNN, Oct. 16.—More than one-half of the 1500 operatives employed in 67 shoe factories in this city returned to work today.

## THE AMERICAN FLEET IN A BAD STORM

### SEAS WASH OVER THE VESSELS AND SEVERAL LIFE-BOATS SMASHED.

### MEN ARE WASHED OVERBOARD

### One Man Drowned And Two Are Rescued—Gunner's Mate on the Battleship Missouri Dies of Heart Disease.

TOKIO, Oct. 17 (9 A. M.)—The delay in the American battleship fleet arriving at Yokohama is due to a tremendous storm off the north coast of the Island of Luzon of the Philippine group. The storm began on the morning of October 12th and continued until the afternoon of the 13th. One man was drowned and some damage resulted to the fleet. These details were communicated to the Associated Press at Tokio by Wireless Telegraph from the Connecticut through the special courtesy of the Japanese government. The fleet will arrive at Yokohama at 9 o'clock on the morning of October 18th.

Additional advices by wireless from the Atlantic fleet show that the vessels had an extremely rough time, the seas constantly washing the decks; life boats were smashed on several of the vessels. William Fuller, gunner's

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### Relief Train is Wrecked and Cars Burn

### FIRE SWEEPS TOWNS

### The Town of Metz, Michigan is Wiped Out and Inhabitants Flee

### CAUSED BY FOREST FIRES

### Relief Train Carrying Refugees is Ditched While Running Through Flames and Fleeing People Are Cremated—Women and Children.

ALPENA, Mich., Oct. 16.—Fifteen people lost their lives last night in the burning of the Detroit and Mackinaw relief train which was carrying inhabitants of the village of Metz, 23 miles north of here, to safety from forest fires which are sweeping away their homes. The ill-fated train was ditched by spreading rails at Newyik Siding, a few miles south of Metz and the terrified refugees were forced to abandon the cars and rush for safety either down the track with burning forests on either side or into ploughed fields near the siding. Eleven of the victims are women and children who were unable to escape quickly enough for a gondola car which they were occupying. Charred bodies were found there today when rescuers reached the scene. Two of the men victims were members of the train crew.

Four additional fatalities occurred in the neighborhood of the wreck last night. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wagner died of heat exhaustion at their farm near the scene of the wreck and Mr. and Mrs. Nowicki, Jr., lost their lives by the burning of their house near the siding. Following is the list of dead in the wreck:

WILLIAM BARTLETT, brakeman.  
ARTHUR H. LEE, fireman.  
JOHN KONTECSNY, wife and three children.  
MRS. GEORGE CICERO and three children.

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## BRYAN SPEAKS AT CONVENTION HALL

### Discusses Questions of the Campaign on the Streets and in Auditorium—Great Crowds Out

### DENVER, Oct. 16.—Bryan was the

guest of this city several hours tonight meeting with a cordial reception. In spite of the threatening storm and fitful rainfalls great crowds lined the streets through which the candidate rode in an automobile to the auditorium where he delivered the principal speech of the evening. En route Bryan halted thrice to address crowds at designated points. Fourteen thousand people assembled in the auditorium to listen to the Nebraska's discussion of questions of the campaign. He demanded that the republican national committee follow the example of the democratic national committee in publishing particulars regarding campaign contributions. He discussed the Philippines, the popular elec-

tion of senators, the trust and the tariff.

### KID MCCOY IN LIMELIGHT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Kid McCoy easily defeated Jim Stewart in a six-round bout here tonight.

### ANOTHER BALLOON IN SEA.

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—The North Sea still continues to give up the balloon victims. Word was received tonight that the German balloon Plauen and its occupants were picked up by a fishing vessel 240 miles from Spurnhead and landed tonight at Hull, England. The Hergesell is still unaccounted for.